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Applicant : Hand, *et al.*  
Filed : May 25, 2001  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

1. Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116;
2. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 50-0951.

This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

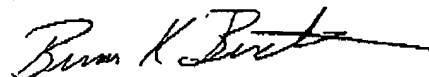
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2004 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to Specification** begin on page 2 of this submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this submission.


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